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II. [redacted] Received a call from Les Janka, NSC, regarding the letter we received from Chairman John Sparkman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, re the Mayaguez incident. (I had forwarded a copy to Janka for his information, especially since the NSC staff is involved in contact with the House International Relations Committee on a study GAO is doing on that Committee's behalf on the Mayaguez.) Janka suggested we go ahead and work up a draft response to the Sparkman letter using the chronology which has been used by Bob Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. According to Janka, State has prepared a draft response to Sparkman along these lines and he suggested we coordinate with Alex Schnee, State Department Congressional Relations staff, in preparing our draft.

I used this opportunity to ask Janka where things stood with respect to the House International Relations Committee study being conducted by GAO. He said he was trying to get some guidance from Dr. Kissinger on this and as soon as he had further information he would be back in touch with us.

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12. [redacted] General Sam Wilson, D/DCI/IC, called to say he had received further inquiries from DOD regarding the transcripts of the Director's testimony of Wednesday before the House Select Committee on Intelligence. I suggested that he contact [redacted] 25X1 is negotiating with the Committee regarding the number of copies of the transcripts which will be made and what if any distribution can be made of them

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13. [redacted] I talked with Howard Feldman, Majority Counsel, Senate Government Operations Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, several times during the course of the afternoon regarding the Soviet grain situation. A meeting with Feldman and Stuart Statler, Minority Counsel, had been scheduled for 2:00 this afternoon, but it became necessary to cancel that session since we were awaiting White House approval on passing our new estimated Soviet grain figure to the Hill. Without identifying the White House, I bought time with Feldman and ultimately, after the Director talked with General Scowcroft, I advised Feldman the Soviet grain figure estimate had been reduced to 165 million tons, but he should regard that figure as confidential until it is announced otherwise. Feldman was most understanding throughout my numerous conversations with him during the afternoon and said he would notify Statler of the information I had given him. I also told him we would probably be in touch with him tomorrow to reschedule the briefing.

Feldman noted that if, in fact, the agreed figure was 165 million tons, this posed a number of serious problems which could affect all sorts of things including our negotiations with the Soviets on SALT. I told him he probably could then understand why we had to await policy approval before giving him this figure which I again reminded should be treated on a confidential basis.

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